



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application:      BATES, Darryle      Group Art Unit:      3725  
Serial No.:      10/647,942      Examiner:      JONES, David B.  
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Title:      TUBE BENDER AND METHOD OF USING SAME

M.S. AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Examiner:

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Office Action having a mailing date of October 6, 2004. Since this Response is being filed within two months of the mailing date of the Office Action, an Advisory Action from the Examiner is respectfully requested pursuant to MPEP §§ 706.07(f) and 714.13.

Please review the subject application in view of the following remarks.